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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Licensed Family and Group Child Care Home Providers  
**CC:** Child and Adult Care Licensing Staff and Partners

**FROM:** Lois Barrett Luke, Director of Child and Adult Care Licensing

**DATE:** April 1, 2010

**RE:** **Clarification of TECTA Orientation for Family and Group Child Care Homes**

This memo is to clarify the requirements for Family and Group Home Primary Caregivers that earn a One or Two Star Rating in the Professional Development Component of the Report Card.

Family and Group Child Care Home Primary Caregivers:

As required by the Star Quality-Rules Tennessee Comprehensive Rules and Regulations 1240-4-7-.06, in order to earn a One or Two Star Rating, one criterion primary caregivers are required to meet is:

"The primary caregiver shall have thirty (30) hours of family child care training, or documented enrollment therein, through TECTA, a Tennessee Technology Center, National Association for Family Child Care Foundation accreditation training, or other training as approved by the Department."

Primary Caregivers can meet this requirement by completing the following:

- ◆ Any TECTA 30 hour Orientation;
- ◆ 30 hours in Early Childhood Education at a TN Technology Center;
- ◆ an equivalent 30 hour program (all equivalent training must be approved in advance by the Department in consultation with TECTA); or
- ◆ ECE or ECED 2120, an Early Childhood Education course offered at Tennessee Community Colleges.

In order to be best prepared, it is strongly recommended that Family and Group Home providers should choose to take Family Child Care Orientation or Administrator Orientation.

For additional information, please contact your Licensing Program Evaluator.

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